

# FASHION PLATE'S FAST MILE

**JINS THE METROPOLITAN HANDBICAP IN 1:37 4-5.**

Prince Imperial second and Jack Atkin third. The choices, King James and Thorpe's 10,000 Pounds at Belmont Park.

In a dazzling finish, with jockeys piling into the saddle, 100 spectators cheering them on, Plate, a four-year-old gelding, won the New Metropolitan Handicap, off the New York Park yesterday. Fashion Plate went on to score 105 pounds, with Jockey James in the saddle, ran in the colors of the saddle, was the winner. He had been beaten by his friends, who warmly congratulated him. His defeat of minkette and King James was generally regretted, but that was a mere race, though, and the crowd enjoyed it immensely.

Fourteen two-year-olds faced the starter in the first race, for maidens. The horses were four furlongs up the straightaway and down the bend. The leadership followed. James MacNamee's Star O'Ryan, a colt by Oldfield, was the third horse. R. T. Wilson, Jr., a gelding, just nosed out W. F. A. Mulholland's Steve Baldwin, by Star Shoot, by Ben Brush. White Bear, who ruled favorite, was outrun all the way.

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